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**Greg Boeger Receives A Congressional Commendation for Wine**

*Founder of Boeger Winery in El Dorado Wine Region is acknowledged by  
Congressman John Garamendi.*

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Greg Boeger, founder and owner of [Boeger Winery](#) in Placerville, El Dorado County, CA. has been awarded a *Congressional Commendation for Wine* by Congressman John Garamendi. A Congressional Commendation “officially recognizes outstanding public achievements” by the people who live in the Congressman’s district. “Greg Boeger has played a significant role in the history of California wine and I commend him for his dedication and contributions to the Golden State.” -John Garamendi, Member of Congress, 3rd District, CA.

The Commendation follows another significant acknowledgment earlier this year awarded by the California State Fair - the prestigious [Wine Lifetime Achievement Award](#) honoring pioneers of the California wine industry. Since the early 1970’s Greg Boeger has worked tirelessly to develop and bring prominence to the El Dorado wine region.

Greg grew up around agriculture in Northern California including working in his grandfather’s [Nichelini Winery](#), where he developed his knowledge of grape growing and winemaking. After graduating from UC Davis, Greg and his wife, Sue purchased 70-acres just east of Placerville in an area now known as Apple

Hill, establishing the first post-Prohibition winery in the El Dorado AVA in 1972. The estate was originally a Gold Rush era winery and farm which operated until prohibition.

As a modern pioneer in El Dorado, Greg experimented with varieties such as Barbera, Carignane, Refosco, Charbono, and Aglianico in the rugged and mostly uncharted Sierra Foothills wine region. Aside from experimenting to find suitable grape varieties, Greg's contributions include working with county and state Ag commissions and UC Davis to define growing regions and establish specific winegrowing districts within the county.

Along with a few other modern wine pioneers of the region, he served as non-official consultant to a growing cadre of vintners coming to the region. Greg and a handful of early El Dorado vintners were instrumental in formation of the [El Dorado Winery Association](#) in 1988, the [El Dorado Wine Grape Growers Association](#) in 1986 and in 1983 the establishment of [El Dorado County an American Viticulture Area](#). The winery boasts 1880's California Heritage Zinfandel vines and those early vineyards planted by Greg Boeger in 1973. Boeger Winery is a popular destination for wine lovers who enjoy a snapshot of the county's history and for its selection of intriguing varieties such as Barbera, Tempranillo, and mountain grown Pinot Noir. Greg and Sue Boeger's children, Lexi and Justin have joined their parents in significant management roles at the winery.

To learn more about Greg Boeger and Boeger Winery go to: [www.boegerwinery.com](http://www.boegerwinery.com)

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